poultry, fishing, small tea gardens etc. so as to cover all economically viable activities.

New Industries in Arunachal Pradesh

21. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some districts for setting up of new industries in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the criteria fixed for setting up of industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) Under the Growth Centre Scheme of Central Government, a Growth Centre has been set up at Niklok Ngorlung, East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The criteria for setting up of Growth Centre has been issued *vide* Letter No. 14/23/88-DBA-I dated 8.12.1988.

Improvement of Exports

22. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the exports and imports position of different countries in comparison to our country;

(b) how far Indian exports and imports growth was registered; and

(c) the steps taken to improve our exports position to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) As per latest WTO statistics available for the year 1999, the value of

exports and imports of some of the leading exporting & im porting countries in the world as compared to India is as under:

Exports		Imports	
Country	Value in US $ Billion	Country	V alue in US $ Billion
United States	695.2	United States	1059.1
Germany	541.5	Germany	472.5
Japan	419.4	United Kingdom	320.3
France	300.4	Japan	311.3
United Kingdom	269.0	France	290.1
India	**36.6**	**India**	**44.6**
Argentina	23.3	Argentina	25.5
Turkey	26.0	Turkey	40.4
Portugal	23.9	Portugal	38.6
New Zealand	12.5	New Zealand	14.3
Chile	15.6	Chile	15.1

The export and imports of China and some of the South East Asian countries is as follows:—

Exports		Imports	
Country	Value in US $ Billion	Country	Value in US $ Billion
China	195.2	China	165.8
Singapore	114.7	Singapore	111.1
Malaysia	84.5	Malaysia	65.0
Thailand	58.4	Thailand	50.3
Indonesia	48.7	Indonesia	24.0
Philippines	36.7	Philippines	32.5

(b) According to the latest provisional figures available from DGCI&S, India's exports and imports registered a growth of 20.4% and 8.9% respectively in US Dollar terms during April—December, 2001 over the corresponding period last year.

(c) Export Promotion is a continuous process and the Government has taken various export promotion measures which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralization, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Export-Import Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sector and focus regions. Special Economic Zones are being set up to give a boost to our exports.

Impact of dumping of Chinese consumer goods on Indian Industry

23. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is dumping low cost and low quality consumer goods like hosiery, batteries, toys etc. in the country;

(b) whether this is having a very adverse effect on Indian manufacturing units;

(c) whether Government have taken up this matter with Chinese Authorities to ensure protection to Indian manufacturers and traders; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) Information has been received by the Government concerning unfair trade practices leading to imports of cheap consumer goods like Dry Batteries, Sports Shoes and Toys from China causing injury to the domestic industry. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties had initiated *suo-moto* investigations under Customs Tariff Act of 1975 as amended in 1995 against the import of Dry Batteries, Sports Shoes and Toys from China on 20.11.2000.